



ABILITY MEETS MOBILITY



INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF WHEELCHAIR PROFESSIONALS



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¹United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 19
²World Health Organization
³United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, 2015



“Persons with disabilities must be able to live independently, to be included in the community, to choose where and with whom to live and to have access to in-home, residential and community support services.”¹

An estimated 70 million people worldwide require wheelchairs, yet only 5% to 15% have access to appropriate chairs.²

Every day, they face challenges related to discrimination, exclusion from mainstream society and extreme poverty.



Mobility is Fundamental

People with mobility impairments require properly fitted wheelchairs to be able to access education, employment, and health care and to participate in their communities.

Being able to move independently can increase a person’s ability to contribute to his and his family’s well being and to rise out of poverty.

The International Society of Wheelchair Professionals (ISWP) is a network of global partners dedicated to providing the best technology and services to wheelchair users worldwide.



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ISWP’s Mission

To professionalize wheelchair services through proper training, improved product quality and an increased supply of wheelchairs. ISWP will accomplish this mission by:

- Promoting the World Health Organization (WHO) guidelines on providing manual wheelchairs in less-resourced areas
- Promoting training and research activities
- Improving wheelchair design and manufacturing
- Coordinating services



ISWP’s mission and objectives align with the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals including good health and well-being, quality education, decent work and economic growth and reduced inequalities.³